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**TANTON, WILFRED**, barrister; b. 21 February 1880 in Summerside, son of William Tanton and Sophia C. Jamieson; m. 4 January 1918 Lillian Swabey Cox, and there were no children; Anglican; d. 21 April 1951 in Charlottetown.

Tanton, a Conservative, was elected to the Legislative Assembly in the general election of 1923 for 1<sup>st</sup> Prince. He was defeated in the general elections of 1927 and 1931.

Tanton received his education in the local school and later attended Prince of Wales College. He practised law in Alberton. Keenly interested in the affairs of his community he served as Mayor of Alberton from 1939 to 1944. From 1914 to 1917, he served as Stipendiary Magistrate to Prince County. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity of A.F. and A.M. Wilfred Tanton died 21 April 1951.

Lillian Tanton, the daughter of Doctor Frank Cox of Morell, was born in 1885 and died in 1969.

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**THOMPSON, GORDON MAX**, farmer and tourism operator; b. 24 February 1914 in North Tryon, son of Gordon Warren Thompson and Lena Lillian MacDonald; m. 12 October 1937 Doris Marie Crosby, and they had three children, Marlene, John Donald, and Ralph Crosby; United; d. 13 May 1985 in Charlottetown.

Thompson, a Liberal, was elected to the Legislative Assembly in the general election of 1966 for 4<sup>th</sup> Prince.

Max Thompson received his early education in the Warren Grove School, and later attended the Royal School of Cavalry in St. John's, Quebec, and the Graham School of Scientific Breeding in Kansas City, Mississippi. He farmed and operated a tourism business. Thompson was director and president of the Crapaud Creamery Company Limited and owner of the Birch Haven Farm in Victo-

ria. He was active in the Crapaud Exhibition Association and was the first president of the Prince Edward Island Association of Exhibitions; he continued to serve in that role for 25 years. Thompson was a director of the Dairy Farmers of Canada from 1959 to 1960, of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada from 1956 to 1958, and president of the Crapaud-Victoria Board of Trade from 1956 to 1958. He also served as director of the Maritime Board of Trade from 1956 to 1966. Thompson served on the Board of National Farm Products Marketing Council and served as chairperson of the Board of the Prince Edward Island Marketing Development Centre and the Prince Edward Island Marketing Council. He was chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Englewood Regional High School. Thompson was a member of the Victoria United Church, the True Brothers Masonic Lodge Number Eight in Crapaud, and the Crapaud Curling Club, and was a fundraising chairperson for the Canadian Heart Foundation. Max Thompson died 13 May 1985 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Doris Thompson was the daughter of H. D. Crosby.

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**TRAINOR, K.C., HONOURABLE CHARLES ST. CLAIR**, lawyer and judge; b. 8 December 1901 in Albany, son of Thomas Trainor and Annie Greenan; m. first 24 August 1938 Catherine Bernadette MacMillan, and they had three children, Elaine Bernadette, Dr. Charles St. Clair, and Father Joseph Leo; m. secondly 10 June 1968 Annie Maud MacGuigan Noonan; Roman Catholic; d. 19 June 1978.

Trainor, a Liberal, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the general election of 1935 for 5<sup>th</sup> Queens. He was defeated in the general elections of 1931 and 1939.

Trainor received his early education in the Searletown School. He graduated from St. Dunstan's College with a Bachelor of Arts in 1923, and then studied law under Mark R. MacGuigan<sup>jr</sup>. On 30 November 1927, he was called to the Bar. Trainor continued to work with MacGuigan and eventually the two formed a partnership, MacGuigan and Trainor. He was designated King's Counsel in 1938. Trainor served as the prosecutor for Queens County from 1939 to 1942. In 1942 he was appointed Judge

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of the Kings County Court, where he served until 1949. On 22 December 1949, he was appointed Judge of the Queens County Court where he served until 1967. On 7 November of that year, Trainor was elevated to the province's Supreme Court, and became its Chief Justice 9 July 1970.

Aside from his active law career, Trainor was involved in numerous community initiatives. From 1965 to 1969, he served as chairperson of the Board of Governors of St. Dunstan's University. In 1969, when St. Dunstan's University and Prince of Wales College merged, through to 1978, he served as chairperson of the Board of Governors of the University of Prince Edward Island. Trainor served as chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission from October 1946 to January 1968, and also served as chairperson of the Veterans Land Act Advisory Board. From 1953 to 1956, Trainor was Deputy Commissioner of the War Claims Commission. He was a member of three different Commissions of Inquiry under the Public Inquiries Act. Trainor was an executive member of the Federation of Prince Edward Island Home and School Association, as well as a member of its Examining Board. From 1956 to 1968, he served on the Charlottetown School Board. Trainor was a member of the Prince Edward Island branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society and the Canadian Mental Health Association. He helped found the Prince Edward Island Polio Foundation and acted as chairman of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. He also was a 4<sup>th</sup> degree member of the Knights of Columbus. C. St. Clair Trainor died 19 June 1978.

Catherine Bernadette Trainor was the daughter of W. J. P. MacMillan\*, a premier, and his second wife, Letitia Macdonald. She died in 1965. Her sister, Mary Dorothea, married Alban Farmer\*. Annie Maude Trainor Noonan died 10 March 1994.

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